

CLAIMS

1. A telecommunications services apparatus for use in a mobile telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising means for receiving text  
5 messages, means for processing the received text messages, and means for controlling the availability of the text message processing according to the recipient address of the text message.
2. A telecommunications services apparatus for use in a mobile  
10 telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising call routing means operable:  
to receive a routing information request signal indicative of a telephone communication intended for a mobile terminal;  
to return a routing information response signal indicative of the telecommunications services apparatus instead of being indicative of the intended  
15 mobile terminal; and  
to control availability of processing of the telephone communication according to the returned routing information response signal.
3. Apparatus according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the network includes a  
20 home location register programmable to control the availability of text message processing.
4. Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the home location register includes a  
25 settable flag for controlling the availability of the text message processing.
5. Apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the text message processing includes copying and/or diversion of the text message, interception of the text message, providing location privacy, anti-spam protection, access to diverted messages, and/or access to messages from other messaging systems.  
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6. A telecommunications services method for a mobile telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising:

receiving a routing information request signal indicative of a telephone communication intended for a mobile terminal;

5 returning a routing information response signal indicative of a telecommunications services apparatus instead of being indicative of the intended mobile terminal; and

controlling availability of processing of the telephone communication according to the returned routing information response signal.

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7. A computer program having computer executable instructions, which when loaded on to a computer is operable to cause the computer to perform the method according to claim 6.

15 8. A computer program product having a computer readable medium having recorded thereon information signals representative of the computer program according to claim 7.